

It is hard for me to believe that the FCC is even seriously considering such questions as in this issue and the 3 other current, related issues, or proceedings. ISPs and related service providers struggle to compete against slow, monopolistic baby bell telecom giants already. We certainly do not any rule change that hinders their growth, which is tied into the growth of Internet access in this country. Millions of ordinary users will ultimately benefit from the high-quality DSL service provided by smaller, independent service providers.

The importance of continuing the growth of Internet access for our country is enormous. The costs for service are already very high. The principle that the LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them, must be upheld to keep the Internet open in the US and thereby promote our continuing leadership.

Thank you,

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